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LASSIGNY CAPTURED BY VICTORIOUS FRENCH; THIRTY VILLAGES TAKEN; NOYON IS FLANKED; BRITISH SMASHING AHEAD ON 10 MILE FRONT

WILSON DELAYS PLAN TO SEND CIVIC AID TO SIBERIA AND RUSSIA

President, After Conferences, Decides to Withhold Commission.

WAITS DEVELOPMENTS

White House Says Idea Has Not Been Permanently Abandoned.

MILITARY FORCE IS SENT

Organization of Civilian Envoys Will Continue-Propagandists' Status Uncertain.

Special Despatch to THE SEN.

Washington, Aug. 21.-The sending of a United States commission to Siberia to extend aid to the Russian people of all political cults and faiths, and to reorganize and rebuild the shattered economic and agricultural forces of that country for protection of its peoples, has been indefinitely postponal.

After talking over the entire situation with relation to Russia with his official advisers and with Col. House, the President has determined to call off the sending of the commission at present. The postponement is admittedly indefinite, depending on the developments in Russia and the progress of the Czecho-Slovak and other movements.

The President has not, however, it is tated on good authority, abandoned the dea of sending a large commission of usiness, commercial, agricultural and a nelal men to Siberia to work west rd, organizing and aiding and giving baip to the people.

Military Force Already Sent.

The military forces that were to be a art of the commission, "a police force afford it and the supplies that were to used in rebuilding the fullest measure protection," has already been in large part despatched and some units are on odly number of Japanese, who were to a part of the military force, already in all of the parties to the action are prom-They will protect, the huge tores of American supplies that were eft in Vladivostok and along the Transsiberian Railway when the Russian overnment was overturned by the revo-

The exact whereabouts of these sup plies, including munitions and a large snown. The military forces will locate and give them a full measure of ote tion without antagonizing the peo-The officers of these units will have me to familiarize themselves with condations in their respective localities belore members of the commission arrive. President Wilson it is understood, dis clased the situation with Col. House and Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and the House personally and by errespondence. Senator Borah, memhad a lengthy conference with the Chief unicative it is known he disdeed the Russian situation. The quescommission was also taken up by the Cabinet yesterday.

Organization of the commission and tion of men to head it and its units been somewhat delayed. This work however, be stopped. Organiza- 1 o'clock." right opportunity presents itself. ing suitable men. In every line of enof the most adaptable men for such delicate work as will be reare already serving the Govern ment and it has been found that many men are unwilling to go to the from which are coming constant that to of rioting, famine, sudden deaths,

outlingent of propagandists, who a August, more or less as an adwhat people is not definitely

U. S. MEN GUARDING SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Detachment Sent to Relieve Czecho-Slovak Forces.

"Darly, the head of the Americountly landed here is des

reed on Third Page.

Both boats were on the sur-face, but the British boat picked up the enemy and dived before

arduous cruise.

she herself was sighted. She fired two torpedoes and through her periscope the resulting explosion was observed. Coming to the surface five minutes later the British orew found one survivor swimming among the wreckage. He was the German captain. The other officers and the crew had all gone down.

U-Boat Is Torpedoed

LONDON, Aug. 21 .- A British

. and a German submarine met recently. The enemy had crossed the North Sea, penetrated Brit-

ish waters and was lurking to pounce upon any ship that might cross its track. The British boat

was returning to base after an

by British Submarine

HECKSCHER SUES

Says Mrs. J. Herbert Johnston and Mrs. Robert J. Kelly Slurred His Loyalty.

ASKS MILLION DAMAGES

Tea Table Gossip Declared to Intimate He Prowled on Sound for Kaiser.

August Heckscher, wealthy wner, real estate operator and philan thropist, brought suits for \$500,000 each resterday against Mrs. Teenie Noel John- garded as more probable that the men correspondents, "the following divisions sten, wife of J. Herbert Johnston, and Mrs. Dorothy Van Schaick Kelly, wife of Mrs. Dorothy Van Schaick Kelly, wife of Robert J. Kelly, alleging that in "teal bombs. The trawier thus equipped might table gossip" they had, in effect, charged him with being pro-German and brought his loyalty so America into question get for a warship or submarine chaser. society colonies on Long Island, where

Mr. Heckscher's suits caused a sensation last night in the exclusive social coteries in which he as well as Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Johnston moved; an- As the trawier cannot make much speed nouncement that papers in the action she would not be able to escape the he accused bringing to a head gossip mount of railroad equipment, is not that had been bandled about on the island for many weeks.

Through her husband Mrs. Johnston admitted from her country place, Kalmia Park, at Huntington last night that the served upon her. At the Kelly place, which also is in the West Neck section sisted that neither Mr. nor Mrs. Kelly th members of the Cabinet and of the was at home and that no one there had around the fishing region. any idea of their whereabouts.

Luncheon Gossip Quoted.

Specifically, Mr. Heckscher charged that the attacks upon his loyalty to his hunt. It was said, however, that these recutive to-day, and though he was adopted country were launched by Mrs. are numerous and swift enough to make Johnston at a luncheon she gave in her the eventual approximation of the con-Long Island home July 6. On that oc- verted fishing vessel absolutely certain casion, the Heckscher complaint alleges, unless the enemy crew destroys the ship Mrs. Johnston, discussing the war, re- or attempts to engage one of the purmarked that "she doubted the loyalty to suers in unequal combat. the United States of its citizens of foreign birth," and then added:

"The boatmen said that Mr. Heckscher's boat went out every night at tain of the Triumph that six U-boats are

the action against Mrs. Kelly was garding the activities of these craft has ment will be ready to move at any time based upon the allegation that from garding the activities of these craft has the Johnston luncheon she went to the has been some difficulty in get- home of Mrs. Grace Lambert, another member of the exclusive North Shore charges she heard made against "the Heckschera" at the Johnston home In both actions Mr. Heckscher's charges are based upon "information Triumph's Men Get Cigarettes and belief." In connection with the suit

against Mrs. Johnston Mr. Heckscher's theduled to leave this country this defendant thereupon and on said unput more or less as an adoccasion and in the presence and hearcomplaint says: mard, has not sailed. Many of ing of divers and sundry persons and day afternoon. Capt. Myhre and the still in Washington. Whether with the intent of injuring this plaintiff crew of the Priumph were taken aboard go independently to carry the and to cause it to be believed that this the submarine and photographed by the vinctions ideals and purposes plaintiff had violated the esplonage act Germans, who offered them refreshments did speak and publish the following and cigarettes. Capt. Myhre and his is likely, however, they will false, defamatory and malicious words crew started for shore sixty miles away upon the vaters of Long Island Sound vertels in the vicinity.

of the Czecho-Slovak States, with which said German Empire Thereafter the complaint argues that

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GERMANS SEIZE SHIP AND RAID FISHING FLEET

Arm and Man Canadian Trawler, Which Sinks 4 Craft Off Nova Scotia.

NAVY SPREADS A BIG NET

Officials Confident of Running Down Marauder-Crews of Lost Vessels Safe.

Special Despatch to The Sex. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Navy De partment has been advised by the commandant of one of the naval districts that the steam trawler Triumph has been captured by a German U-boat off the Nova Scotia coast, fitted with guns and wireless, manned with Germans from the submarine and transformed nto a raider to attack fishing vessels. The commandant's information is used on the report of the master of the friumph. The latest advices show that he raider has sunk at least four fishing

This new trick of the Germans wa at altogether unexpected by the naval uthorities, who have believed right long that U-boat commanders might atmpt to capture and man raiders off the coast. The work of the Germans in the case of the Triumph does not cause particular alarm, for the navy is already taking measurer to protect the fishing industry off the Newfoundland coast. and the Triumph could not be turned into a very formidable craft by the Germans, even though she might be fitted up to prey upon defenceless fishing smacks until naval aid arrives.

Germans' Difficulty.

It would take the navy three or four fays to install guns on a trawler of the Triumph's type, even if the work were one under the most advantageous confitions at a navy yard. Therefore it is eccomplish any such work. It is re- March in his talk with the newspaper on board the Triumph have taken with them a gun or two, rifles, revolvers and them a gun or two, rifles, revolvers and Sixth, Twenty-seventi

Naval officers here believe that after trawier. Should the Triumph remain in operation much longer it would be and Ninety-third." In getting these

Net Sprend Around Raider. By the Associated Press.

ment officials to-night confidently papers in Mr. Heckscher's suit had been awaited a wireless despatch telling of the capture or destruction of the trawler Triumph. Every precaution has been of Huntington, however, servants in- taken, it was said, to prevent the raider slipping through the line stretched

The department, through Admirat Benson, acting Secretary, requested newspapers to make no mention of the type of craft being employed in the

Admiral Benson refused to place much the submarine commander to the captowever, be stopped Organiza- 1 o'clock."

go shead so that the Govern- The action against Mrs. Kelly was careful checking of all information

society colony, and repeated there the ENEMY TAKES PHOTO OF TRAWLER'S CREW

and Refreshments.

concerning the plaintiff: "The boatmen late in the afternoon. Before they left said that Mr. Heckscher's boat went out in dories the Germans had put two every night; I o'clock,' meaning there- light guns on the Triumph, fore and by that plaintiff's boat nightly at 1 aft, and fitted up a small wireless apo'clock ent forth clandestinely and paratus. The Triumph then set off in Associated Press this morning north of habitus... under cover of darkness, company with the submarine for fishing upon the vaters of Long Island Sound versels in the vicinity.

upon the vaters of Long land of the purpose of and its tributaries for the purpose of have been sunk by the converted raider, spying, conveying information or supplies to, or otherwise serving the inputs, N. S.; the F. Piatt Andrew of burg, N. S.; the Francis J. O'Hara terest of the German Empire and its Gloucester, Mass.; the Francis J. O'Hara from Aug. 17 (delayed).—Acble request of Gen. Diedrichs. interests and welfare of the United Lumenburg. The first three were sunk interests and welfare of the United Lumenburg. and the Scanare was sent

Capt. Wallace Bruce, master of the E

He is Gen. Bernhardi, author of "The Next War" and other famous books which so frankly revealed Germany's war aims. He commands the Fifty-fifth corps of the Sixth army, which

Gen. Bernhardi, German War Prophet, Is Beaten

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The present series of German defeats

who is perhaps better known to the reading public of the allied

nations than almost any of the

German Generals.

been steadily driven back by the British across the plain of the Lys toward Armentieres. The Fifty-fifth corps has bee badly hit in endeavoring to hold the Merville salient, confronting the forest of Nieppe. It lost many positions and was badly shaken by the enfilading fire of

the British batteries as it retired.

1,440,000 U.S. MEN IN FRANCE

Gen. March Names Divisions Which Comprise Present Fighting Force.

Battle Line Shortened Fifty Miles by Successes-Americans Near Frontier.

Special Desputch to THE SUS WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—America's present fighting force in France comprises thirty-two divisions, according to Gen. March, Chief of Staff. On the basis of 45,000 men to a division, the number of American troops on French soil is 1.440,000. On the basis of 27,500 combatant troops to a division the United States now has \$80,000 combatant troops in France.

'We have now in France." said Get

As the trawier cannot make much speed programme, which has now been proactually had been served on the women swift naval vessels once she was of citch of the accomplishment having shipping. When war broke out the United States had no shipping marine, as you all know, and in order to WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 .- Navy Depart- we have had to scour the world for

Fleet Is Growing.

"Ships coming in from the Eme (enc) Fleet Corporation kept swell number at our disposal, and we took enemy's troops over German interned ships, requisiern front Gen. March said :

fronts at widely separated points. In defence, and they fell back. The salient has been

East of Arras on the Scarpe River he British advanced to snarp fighting, taking Faupoux. On the plains near Roye the continued pressure by the French and British has carried the line well back of the old 1916-17 line.

Hig Gain by French. "Between the Oise and the Abme

on a fifteen mile front the French initi A CANADIAN PORT, Aug. 21 .- A Ger- ated an attack Sunday evening. It carook the plains around Noyan, which is four miles away.

"In the Vosges the Fifth United States Division, in the sector of St. Die, which has been quiet for a long time, captured the town of Frapelle, climinating a very sharp sallent there. Here the line is only four miles from the German

"The attack reported to me by the "The general effect of these drives up to this time has been to shorten the line om the North Sea to Rheims by fifty tions of their furthest advance the line vas 250 miles long; it is now less than

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BOCHES ON OISE NOW POCKETED: PERILGREATER

ponin Repulsed by French With Heavy Losses,

Both Chasing and Bombing Machines.

By GERALD CAMPBELL.

Special Cable Desputch to Tun Sex from the

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT THE FRONT, Aug. 21 .- During the night the Germans attempted a vigorous counter attack at the end of the line at Alsne front they were for the mass brilliant moonlight. The Germans bad ment at Puissieux. enough to do in restoring order in SHIPPING IS GREAT NEED their ranks and strengthening their at

visions in this sector. This morning the advance continued. and pushed along the valley of the

Oise, which they command from Pommiers in the direction of Sempiany. gerous position, as what troops they have there are cooped up in a narrow to west and less than two miles wide at its mouth between Cuts and Pontoise. they were on the point of getting out her at their backs and the French ose upon them. By to-night or to-morrow it is likely that Gen. Mangin's army will hold the south bank of the conding retreat of the enemy from their osition in front of Ribecourt may fol-

The French airmen are joining in the Naval officers here believe that and the Germans use the trawler to attack fishing smacks they will take their men back on the submarine and sink the trawler. Should the Triumph remain in operation much longer it would be in operation fishing smacks they will take their men back on the submarine and sink the trawler. Should the Triumph remain in operation much longer it would be in operation much longer in would be in operation much longer in the beautiful much longer in the longer in th

Germans in Bad Way.

Altogether the Germans at this point are in a bad way and Marshal Foch's policy of hammering the sides of the a battle was in progress. salient and its front is proving brilliantly salients, to be attacked in their turn the with the consequent withdrawal of the

On the eve of his brilliant attack betioned Dutch ships and we chartered or tween the Oise and the Aisne Gen. Man-"Since the last time I talked to you hammering away at the enemy's last- cometeries we then made. he Allies have continued their activity teries, nests of muchine guns, trenches, half in France, making attacks on limited entanglements and his whole system of

the Flanders salient the flanks have been This bombardment, he explained, was the bent in by attacks southeast of Meteren a necessity of the situation. This time on the north flank, and near Merville on the surprise was possible; it was not like the southern flank. The new apex pro- the drive of July 18 as the Germans were duced became untenable for the enemy expecting to be attacked and their artillery and infantry were echeloned to a flattened out by a retirers it of from great depth over a wide zone behind the one to two miles on a fourteen mile existing front line. Judging by appear-

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Fund Gifts Touch Soldiers' Hearts

EARL SCHEFFER, Battery A. 121st H. F. A., writes to a SUN Tobacco Fund contributor: "I received your splendid gift of tobacco and wish to express my thanks to you. Tobacco is one gift that touches the heart of every soldier over here." Sergeant Charles J. Foster, Q. M. C., Headquarters, Reception Park A. writes:

through THE SUN Fund, with your card, and I want you to know that it gives us more pleasure than anything else we know of to think that the folks at home are always trying to make it a little more pleasant for those of us who are away. More power to the good work!"

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MIST BARRAGE HELPS BRITISH ROUTGERMANS

Counter Attack Near Veza- Surprised Enemy Flees to Beaucourt After Paltry Resistance.

ALLIED AIRMEN ACTIVE MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Hold Complete Mastery With English Casualties Extremely Light as Drive Wins Several Villages.

By PERRY ROBINSON. Spenial Cable Despatch to THE SEN from

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE keeping the Germans busy. This morning at a time which should have been them to heavy mist prevailed at serious losses. On the rest of the Olse- the time) we attacked him again, choosing this time for the chief blow part as quiet as the night itself, which the sector of the front which was was perfectly still and flooded with created by the recent German retire

at the time that the enemy evidently intended to hold Boncquoy. We thought he had better not. So from the French still keeping up the press- Boucquoy northward, by Ablainzeville sure on their left, on we they forced and Moyenville, we struck eastward. the Germans to reure from strong and below here we hustled him and his positions in the forest of Carlepont, line of retirement all the way to Beaucourt.

The face of the front attacked was first about 10,000 yards. It is too early yet to speak definitely of the measure of success, but it certainly is satisfactory. I left the sector, from which, through the mist, I had tried to see the battle at noon. Then I heard that we had gone through Ablainzeville, Moyenville, Courcelles, Honoquey, Achiet-le-Ptit and Beau-

Enemy Artillery Weak.

Prisoners are streaming back. Our the early stages of the advance the ENEMY PLANES ACTIVE hard pressed forces on the shoulders enemy resistance was paltry. The Germans knew we were extremely likely to attack here, for we had learned from Patrol Encounters Are Fre- are developing appear to include an

almost noon. So except the noise of tempting any movement of infantry. our suns behind and the chatter of the machine guns there was no evidence that one American detachment was attacked. On the northern end of the line the

large objects were visible and the prisoners and wounded coming back hove in sight at a distance of only lifty yards. strangely familiar for our positions of tioned Dutch ships and we chartered or bired from other nations all the ships gin received me yesterday evening and bired from other nations all the ships we could charter of hire from them.

Discussing the situation on the western front Gen. March said:

Tween the Oise and the Alsne Gen. Man for our positions of 1916. Since the late German retirement we have been able to Bury our dead side by side of their battle front in the Vosges Monday might after the rolling drumfire of the French guns.

> The region of Moyenville and Ale American patrol consisting of one officer line entire front. The attack was talineville was the scene of the and seventeen men ambushed a German has early in April, when every foot of the ground was fought over at least twice and the whole country everywhere was ploughed with shells. The mans are using gas shells.
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> The Germans still are victously pounding the ground was fought over at least ing with their artillery the town of Franch where was ploughed with shells. The mans are using gas shells. ground is undulating, the summits ng to a height of about 450 feet. The After: Arras railway runs almost JULY SHIP LOSSES LARGER. orth and south Just beyond Moyen at Courcelles and Achiet-le-Petit. British. Allted and Neutral Sinkembanaments on this wn to have been strongly fortified. Ratiway Barrier Broken.

was to the old positions on the Angre The whole terr. fere, was difficult for a direct at-but we seem to have prospered verywhere, the villages and the urs, and I bear we have broken th ireds of German prisoners and I have 288,512 over June. detted the advanced dressing static Undoubtedly the mist helped us, even

was too much of it, but it hid our tanks who then seemed to have little thought anything but surrender. Wherever by were used the tanks did grand service. Our guns also were very efmist were our guns and trench mortars, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. One made in the German front here is at He grew lyrical in praise of one par-ticular trench mortar battery. The Montauk encountered the gale the most dangerous point for the en-

chine guns out into the road and hal-loed to them. They came running with driven ashore.

Haig's Men Surprise Enemy Between Albert and Arras and Force Them Back to Great Depth:

MANGIN'S TROOPS REACH THE OISE

Germans Compelled to Retreat on Four Mile Stretch in Flanders-Battle Furious From Ypres to Rheims.

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LONDON, Aug. 21.-Gen. Mangin's attack between the Oise and the Aisne, which seemed to be a local action, now has developed into a major operation and promises to end as one of the most important moves on the western front.

Pushing forward with slow but irresistible pressure which has characterized his operations in this offensive, Marshal Foch ended the day with all his objectives attained, about thirty Aug. 21 (4 P. M.).-We really are villages recaptured, a maximum advance of five miles, Lassigny in his possession and with it control of all the roads across the flat plains to the north.

Noyon virtually is in his grasp, as his troops are only a mile from the city, while the British, cooperating on the north, advanced on a front of ten miles, capturing seven or eight of the total number of villages taken and placing his armies in a most speaking of that retirement I said advantageous position for the next step.

Field Marshal Haig in his report to-night does not give the distance advanced, but says merely: "We penetrated deeply into the positions of the enemy in the neighborhood of Movenville." Late despatches to-night from correspondents at the front, however, state the British advance was about three miles.

TWO BARRAGES

icans on Vesle With Infantry. .

quent-U. S. Men Ambush

tinually are bombing convoys, concentra- used a misty morning until 8 o'clock, but over the American lines between Sois- fuely will be flanked out of it. This, tinually are sombing convoys, concerns, used a misty morning state of the first and bridges over the Obse best it was the thickest morning fog we had sons and Rheims, but without effecting however, is hardly more than surhad since last winter, and it clung until any change in the line and without at-Patrolling continues on both sides. British Advance in Flanders.

JULY SHIP LOSSES LARGER. | Re-Petil and Courselles

ings for Month 313,011 Tons. LONDON, Aug. 21 .- Losses of merchant

regated ; cate). rease of 20,552 over June.

wanted, where the medic. staffs MONTAUK WRECKED, 7 OF CREW LOST

AS ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 21 - Seven, Lent, poded as the French are by 100 feative. I talked with a Lincolnshire members of the crew of the United States wary efficient operations of the Britis. I main, who was escortles some prisoners patrol boat Montauk were lost when the back, and asked him if the mist helped craft was driven ashore by a high north. on his part of the line particularly, east gale on Cumberland Island, Ga., Fallont. He thought it had, but better than the twenty miles north of Fernandina, Fla., The gent which Gen. Mangin and

in Gale Off Georgia.

When he was asked how the prisoners had been taken he replied that it was very easy. "There was quite a bunch of them," he said. "We got our matchine guns out into the road and hat midnight Tuesday and the midnight Tuesday and the midnight Tuesday and the most cangerous point for the entropy and th

'een survivors have been landed at ! front.

White these great operations were on progress the Germans were kept busy also on other parts of the line, so that they had no chance to concentrate their attention where it was most needed. In effect the bartle, one of the greatest of the war, Germans Fail to Attack Amer- raged along the whole line from Ypres to Rheims, nearly 150 miles, and at no point on that long battle front were the Germans allowed to withdraw a single man to help the

of the Amiens salient The plans of Marshal Foch as they operation similar to the clearing of

with the result that one German was British made a material advance in Through this thick and milky curtain added to the list of prisoners taken back the Lys satient, southwest of Ypres. Only the vague outline of the nearest of the lines, where he said he was a over a front of more than four miles. The enemy planes were somewhat penetrating to a depth of half a mile. more active to-day in observation and Despite a most violent counter attack by the Germans the British held their

was marked by two patrol encounters. An | Ville and was completely successful on The region of Mexenville and Ale-American patrol consisting of one officer, the entire front. The attack was ish pushed on further toward the Arras-Albert railway and took Achiet-

> The Germans promptly delivered a counter attack in strong force west of "closet-le-Petit but it falled to make any impression on the British. East shipping by Great Britain to July ag-gregated 176,479 tons, an increase of the Amere the British Line reached 10,965 tons over June. Allied and neu-between Bolsticux-St. Mare and Mer-

Striking at Weak Spot.

Sallings to and from Great Britain in The most important gain of the day July were 7.718.898 gross tons for steam- was that made cast and southeast of ships exceeding 1.509 tons, an increase of Noyon by the armies of Gen. Mangie and Gen. Humbert, who seem to have found a weak point in the junction of the German armles of Prince Rimprecht and the German Crown Prince. The new positions of the French have intil they were close up on the enemy, U. S. Patrol Boat Grounded towards the whole German line and

are likely to force the evacuation inthe German, of the entire Somme so

midnight Tuesday and she was soon feats of the battle. While this was to The seven men were progress Gen. Humbert on the left their hands in the air. There was a company commander and two lieurenants, besides the bunch of privates.

What that man talked of most was began to break up soon after grounding. Who were fighting Gen. Mangin in

Lassigny, which fell to Gen. Hum-